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1955 FEDERAL PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TAGS

- l. The State Council of Civil Defense, as well as many County and Local Civil Defense Directors, recently received from the Federal Civil Defense Administration an Advisory Bulletin (No. 181, dated February 24, 1955), outlining the Administration's plans for "mass distribution of official civil defense identification tags".
- 2. According to the plans outlined in the bulletin referred to immediately above, a commercial food processing company will handle nationwide distribution of the tags. Each individual's tag request must be submitted on a label from one of the company's products and be accompanied by 25 cents.
- 3. Additional information contained in the bulletin referred to is to the effect that revised federal specifications, covering both bracelet and necklace type tags, will be "issued shortly". According to preliminary information received, each tag recognized by the Federal Civil Defense Administration as "official" will carry the following: (a) Wearer's name, (b) name of person to be notified in case of emergency, (c) address of person to be notified in case of emergency, (d) birth date of wearer, and (e) symbol denoting religion of wearer.
- 4. The State Council of Civil Defense is fully aware of the importance of, as well as benefits to be derived from, the wearing of personal identification during periods of emergency. Because of its evident commercial aspects, however, the State Council of Civil Defense can neither endorse, nor actively support, the plan for distribution of identification tags as announced in the Federal Civil Defense Administration's Advisory Bulletin No. 181, dated February 24, 1955.

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